



Homeless in Ho-Chunk Country

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On Thursday November 29th and Friday November 30th of this year, the Ho-Chunk Nation President, Jon Greendeer, members of his staff, Directors, Legislators and concerned citizens gathered in Milwaukee at the Potawatomi Casino to discuss the Ho-Chunk Nation's homeless situation.

This housing summit was called "Ending Homelessness in Ho-Chunk Country."

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the existence of homelessness, defining what it means to us as a people and what we can do for our citizens to end this growing problem.

When the subject of homelessness comes up most may think of this as a big city problem, but more and more this issue has found its way to small towns, rural communities and even Native American communities around this country.

Although we may not see an outward manifestation of this issue, such as people living under bridges, tents and lean two's that doesn't mean that this is not a problem right here in our communities.

It may not be a new thing, but in this day and age there should be no reason anyone, and especially one of

our own should not have a place to call their own.

It is remarkable to learn about the struggles that many tribal nations face in defining, preventing, and ending homelessness. Tribal leaders share many of the challenges that rural areas face, like serving people spread over a large land area, finding adequate funding, and providing shelter amid a startling lack of housing infrastructure.

But beyond that, tribal homelessness is still unique.

- Because tribes are officially considered sovereign nations, funding can become complicated or come with limitations that may prove difficult to overcome (i.e., some funding may be unavailable to tribes unless they are able to become an incorporated non-profit).

- Additionally, homelessness, or near homelessness, on a reservation looks different than what people might expect. A survey of tribal homelessness, found that many Native Americans living on reservations are housing two or more families for long periods of time, often moving from one doubled up situation to another as long as that's sustainable. Street homelessness is less common, meaning homelessness is less visible. Even the term "homeless" can cause confusion on a reservation, as the land itself is often considered a "home" for all tribal members.

- Tribes may also struggle in gaining attention for this issue from external sources. Although they share common concerns, it can be difficult to build a coalition when reservations have such distinct cultures and are often times far away from each other.

For a community that has long been overlooked by mainstream American culture, it's disheartening to hear that even with this issue – an issue confronting all Americans – we continue to neglect this important part of our national community.

To quote a piece by Rob Capriccioso of Indian Coun-



President Jon Greendeer addresses the Housing Summit.

try Today, on an Obama administration plan to reduce homelessness among Native people:

Billed as "the nation's first comprehensive strategy to prevent and end homelessness," the plan is called Opening Doors. It was launched June 22 under the leadership of several federal agencies, including the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.

The aim is to put the country on a path to end veterans and chronic homelessness by 2015, and to end homelessness among children, families, and youth by 2020. Strategies emphasized include increasing leadership, collaboration, and civic engagement; increasing access to stable and affordable housing; increasing economic security; improving health and stability; and retooling the homeless response system.

Research currently indicates that Native American communities face disproportionately high rates of homelessness, something that federal officials said they want to account for under the plan. According to 2009 Annual Homeless Assessment Report from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, American Indians make up eight percent of the country's homeless population.

"Native homelessness is an issue that's near and dear to my heart," says Karen

Diver, chairwoman of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in Minnesota. That tribe recently opened 24 supportive housing units for struggling families by partially using Department of Housing and Urban Development funding, Capriccioso reports.

A conversation with President Jon Greendeer during the Housing Summit held on November 29th and 30th 2012.

How did this Housing Summit come about?

I think for a long time we "Frankensteined" our housing and assistance policies to meet the needs of folks but we haven't really taken the time to see where we can best utilize our resources and so what had happened was it wasn't the resolution at the General Council that brought this issue to light for me, but it was the idea that knowing the amount of 10 million dollars...what that would do, the most important thing in my mind is that that is going to do little for this list of 1200, its going to help people at the front of this, but at the end of this it's still going to keep building on the back.

And while we are building homes we are also putting roofs on them and we are also putting furnaces in them and putting driveways on and I'm one person and keeping a house is pretty tough for one person, and...

I'm a Nation I can't do this for several hundred houses. Then, while we are doing these houses we are forgetting the fact that there are real serious cases of homelessness out there and substandard housing and people that have emergency situations, things like domestic issues and evictions and so back in the old days to me, these programs were designed to take care of a need and we have comingled needs with wants in this and that's a tough thing to say in politics.

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Dear Mr. Editor:

Submitted by
Barbara Decorah

A lot of people go through life only thinking of their own wants and needs, never knowing the hardships of others. I thought maybe by telling my son's story people would find it interesting and realize sometimes there is more behind a smile.

The life of a young enrolled Ho-chunk member and son of a Ho-chunk Vietnam Veteran, Calli Joe Decorah.

Calli was born 19 July 1983. He was suppose to be a birthday gift for his father on the 20th but this amazing little person wasn't going to wait so he came on his own terms a day early. He came into this world with part of his brain missing, seizures every 15 minutes, waste in his lungs, poor circulation, barrel chest, enlarged heart, fluid on his brain which did not circulate the way it should. If left unattended would cause a back up of fluid that would collapse his brain & kill him. He also would stop breathing on occasion so we never knew how long we would have him.

At 1 yr old they did brain surgery & inserted a "shunt" (valve & tube that helped the fluid in the brain circulate & drain off). As a young boy involved in childhood activities he wore a specially padded helmet to protect the sites of the shunt, being hit in one of the scar sites could kill him. Each time a surgery was needed to fix or replace the shunt there was a danger of paralysis, brain damage or death. Drs. said that learning for him would be very hard & it would take everything he had to get through each day. He wouldn't be capable of doing the work of a normal child. Receiving a C or D would be the same as anyone else getting A's & B's. School was very difficult especially in the beginning when teachers would refuse to teach him & when forced to failed him. But we found a few good teachers & he worked very hard & was on the B honor roll all 4 years of high school.

He was 15 yrs old when they made a 16" incision on his back to go in & repair a valve in his heart. His body was starting to look like a race track for a match box car with all the scars. He was also 15 when he ended up having emergency surgery to remove his gall bladder. During the surgery they accidentally hit a nerve causing a small stroke

to his spine and making his right side no longer have feeling from mid chest down to his ankle. He can't feel hot or cold on that side, nor can he tell if someone touches him what they are touching him with unless he looks, all he knows is he feels pressure.

He was 17 when they replaced the shunt in his brain for the second time, a lot of people with shunts by that age have already had as many as 20 surgeries. He went through many years dealing with headaches so severe he could barely function, high blood pressure, teasing by other children because they thought he was different & being shunned by adults that were scared to be around him because they thought he may have something catching or be mentally challenged. But he never let anything bother him or stop him from smiling. He never said an unkind word to anyone or about anyone. He just kept smiling & trying to be everyone's friend. He was told on several occasions he was considered disabled and it was in his medical files so he didn't need to work & could collect disability but he made it clear each time someone told him even when his father said it that as long as he could work he would work & disability was for people that couldn't work.

He would do anything for anyone & give his last dollar to anyone that needed it no matter what he would have to go without. He has always been proud of being an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation & also working for them. He loved his co workers and the people that came in the casino, he looked forward to going to work. Then one day he came home in the middle of his shift with his blood pressure so dangerously high he had to go to the emergency room. The Dr said his white count was very high & that usually meant cancer. On Friday, 27 February 2010 he went in to Marshfield for blood pressure check. The Dr. told him he looked fine, had no symptoms, she would run a couple tests & call him back on Monday with a new type of blood pressure med to use. By the time we got home there were 4 messages on the phone to come back immediately. The following day they were testing, by Sunday he had been diagnosed with Acute

Lymphocytic Leukemia. They said it was mainly a child's disease, very rare for an adult to get and if they hadn't accidentally found it when they did he would of passed away within a month. The hospital minister told him he felt sorry for Calli. Calli said "don't feel sorry for me, God didn't let them find it to let me pass away now, you feel sorry for someone that really needs it. I'm not going anywhere."

The Dr. told him they couldn't give him radiation because it would send him into dementia by the age of 40. The chemo treatment for AOL has to be very aggressive and the first 8 1/2 mo. he spent in the hospital & Hope Lodge Cancer Facility. His treatments consisted of 300+ pills per month, IV's some daily some weekly, shots in the spine, biopsies which were a large needle the size of half of your little finger & several inches long being put down into the bone marrow of your hip over & over again to pull out specimens to send in to see if the Leukemia is still present and if the chemo treatment is working. He has had around 20 biopsies with more to be done each time he receives treatment. Once diagnosed & not being able to leave the hospital meant he no longer had a job. His co-workers donated their sick & vacation time to help out which was greatly appreciated by him and his family it helped keep his bills paid for a few months until he could get on disability which took six months.

Sadly though at first his friends were there for him but one by one they started to disappear coming over & calling or texting less & less. Most likely they didn't know what to say anymore & his illness made them feel uncomfortable. What they didn't realize was he didn't need to talk about his illness with them he just needed to talk with them & know they were still his friends. When the friends and some of his relatives started to drift away one by one that was worse to him than any diagnoses could ever have been.

Two years of mega doses of chemo caused him to start having seizures, damaged his liver & kidneys causing him to get Cirrhosis. Everything would work for awhile then the meds going thru his liver would raise his ammonia levels & his body would store the meds & then over dose causing confusion and coma. They would pull him off the chemo, wait for his levels to return to normal for him to come out of it. They then made the decision to pull him of any chemo meds that went through the kidneys & only give him the (chemo) lumbar puncture which is the shot in the spine because that goes through the brain & the Dr. said she hoped that would keep him in remission because if it did come back it usually came back in

the brain. If he could stay Leukemia free until June of 2013 he would be considered cured.

In February of 2012 we moved to be closer to family and by May of 2012 he received the news he was no longer in remission. Marshfield Drs. had gone as far as they could & were referring him to UW Madison for treatment & a transplant. We didn't realize how lucky he had been having insurance through his job for the tribe because now he was solely surviving on disability insurance & that is worthless with few clinics/hospitals wanting to accept it. Every six months they shut it off until he meets a deductible to the tune of \$3700. - \$4200., which there is no way he will ever be able to catch up on & pay off not to mention all the other expenses that go along with having this disease. Almost daily he gets calls from collection agencies wanting the money for those bills. That means not being able to afford the \$700.-\$1000., monthly cost of his meds until he meets the deductible or being eligible for rides to & from his appointments 1 1/2 hrs one way to UW through Logistic Care until he meets his deductible. That also meant that in the past treatments have stopped that were keeping him in remission and would not resume until he met the deductible.

The Leukemia came back at 67% and had spread to the spinal fluid. This was the 4th time out of remission. After their poor decision to stop treatment until his insurance restarted they had pretty much given up, telling us there was little to no documentation of how to treat someone out of remission four times. We had decisions to make & at best he had 3 wks - 2 mos. The last treatment had killed off the good white cells leaving only the Leukemia cells & giving him anymore treatments could kill him. They said they weren't even sure that if we decided to take him home to spend the rest of his time there if he was well enough to do that. He decided to take the risk & if they could find another treatment he would let them do it even if it meant he may die if they did it because it would be certain death if he didn't & he wasn't a quitter.

The other thing they had to consider was every med that went thru his liver was doing more damage & had the potential to send him into comas. He has horrific side effects to a lot of the meds with one making it look like his fluid was bubbling on the skin & when he would push on his arm it would run out of his pores like water. He lost so much fluid his blood pressure bottomed out & had to be put in critical care. He developed bumps & sores where ever the bubbling had been & then started to peel over his whole body. Pretty much the top

layer of skin peeled off. The meds cause severe memory loss & have been so hard on his stomach he can only drink water & eat very bland food because everything else causes him to be sick. Each time his white count bottoms out after a treatment it takes longer to come back & he gets fevers & can't fight off the bacteria in his own body. He has lost 87 lbs. since this has started. No matter how bad he feels he never complains & is always smiling. He asks for nothing except for people to not feel sorry for him, just say a prayer for him.

He is now on week 2 of a 4 week treatment from California with a chemo that is not even on the market yet. He has been promised many treatments that never came thru & had many treatments that were promised to work but didn't taking the percentage of Leukemia in his body from 0 to 80% & back again & many places in between. He has been told on more than one occasion that they don't know what else to do & hinting they want to give up. He has had fevers & infections more than anybody should have to stand. But not once does he ever stop smiling or stop having a positive attitude. The last two weeks they have been fighting an infection in the tissue in his arm that the Dr's used the term "life threatening" several times & the swollen, red area had spread from just a small area at the top of his arm near his shoulder to all the way past his elbow. The wound is still open & needs daily packing but thankfully is starting to heal & the red & swollen area is now almost gone. The fevers are now slowing down but they have found a couple small spots of infection on his lungs which again could become life threatening very quickly but as always he has the positive attitude that everything will be ok and as always he says "don't worry I'm not going anywhere".

If this treatment works & he goes into remission they will order the core blood which will take two weeks. He may be able to come home for a couple days then go back & do the treatments to prepare for the transplant. Once that is completed & the transplant is done, he will be in the hospital anywhere from 56-100 days. He then will come home & go back for checkups twice a week for many months. In the last six months he has been in the hospital about 6 months & home a total of about 19 days, not all at the same time. But still he always has a smile on his face, loves life and wants to be everyone's friend. And if this is enough for one person to go thru within the last year he has lost his father, uncle, grandfather & four family pets. Could you walk this path of life and have that smile and outlook on life?

Addition

In the "Basket making project weaves culture and community" in Wittenberg" article in the Oct. 26 issue of Hocak Worak, one person who was instrumental in the process was inadvertently not mentioned.

Leola Rockman played a key role in teaching and offering assistance on this project with the Youth Services in Wittenberg.

"If it had not been for Leola, we would have never gotten as far as we have with our skills," said Nicole Oknewski, teacher at Wittenberg Youth Center.

Quitting Smoking for 2013

If quitting smoking is your 2013 New Year's Resolution we can help. The Ho-Chunk Health Care Center and House of Wellness are offering Freedom from Smoking classes starting in January. Freedom from Smoking is a 7 week course to help you quit smoking. Within that 7 weeks time there are 8 classes all designed to help you on your path to be a non-smoker. The classes at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Fall start Monday January 7th from 10:00-12:00 and run every Monday at that time until February 18th. There is one Wednesday class on January 30th from 10:00-12:00. The House of Wellness in

Baraboo will be running two sets of classes starting Wednesday January 9th and going until February 20th. The first class will be Wednesday morning from 10:00-12:00 and the second class will be Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-3:00. There will be one Friday class on February 1st from 10:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00. For more information you can contact Holly Rodenberg or Louise Voss at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center 715-284-9851 or Christine Swanson at the House of Wellness 608-356-1240. **Class sizes are limited so call early to reserve your spot.**



Holiday Recipes with a Spice of Healthy

Information provided by Tara Ringle, Nutritionist. For further information, please feel free to call 715-284-9851, Ext. 5340.

Sugar Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 cup all purpose flour
 - 1 cup whole wheat flour
 - ½ tsp baking powder
 - ¼ tsp salt
 - ½ cup sugar
 - ½ cup Splenda (12 packets)
 - ¼ cup unsweetened applesauce
 - ¼ cup canola oil-butter spread from tub
 - 1 large egg
 - 2 tsp vanilla extract
- Topping (if desired):
- 2 Tbsp Sugar
 - ½ tsp cinnamon



Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
Mix together first 4 ingredients in a medium bowl. Set aside. Melt oil-butter spread. In a large bowl, mix together sugar, Splenda, applesauce & oil-butter spread. Add egg and vanilla and mix until creamy. Mix in the flour mixture. Cool mixture. On a lightly floured surface, with a floured rolling pin, roll dough to 1/8 inch thick. Use cookie cutters to cut out as many cookies as possible. Sprinkle topping on cookies. Lightly spray cookie sheet with cooking spray & place cookies 1 inch apart. Bake 8-10 minutes or until lightly brown.

Cauliflower Mashed Potatoes

Ingredients:

- 1 head of cauliflower
 - 1 Tbsp canola oil
 - ¼ cup milk (or plain yogurt) – fat-free or low-fat
- Optional:
- ¼ of a leek or onion
 - 1 small garlic clove – minced (or 1 tsp minced garlic in jar or ½ tsp garlic powder)
 - 1 Tbsp fresh chives – chopped (or 1 tsp dried chives)



Cut up cauliflower (and leek/onion) into medium-sized pieces. Steam cauliflower (and leek/onion) until tender. Blend together all ingredients with a food processor, blender or hand mixer. Place mixture into an oven-safe baking dish. Bake at 350 Degrees Fahrenheit for 20 minutes or microwave for ~5 minutes. Enjoy!

Weight Loss Classes

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Black River Falls (HHCC), Wisconsin Dells (House of Wellness), and Tomah areas!

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Black River Falls/Dells Area:

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Tomah Area:

Every other Wednesday 11:30am to 12:15pm

Hurry up and reserve your spot, classes are limited!
Classes offered to native participants at no cost, non-natives may participate for a small fee.

Contact Rachel Montana for more information:

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UIHI Launches Native Generations Campaign to Protect Native Babies

Submitted by Crystal Tetrick, Director Urban Indian Health Institute

For every 1,000 American Indian and Alaska Native babies born in U.S. cities, as many as 15 die before their first birthday*. To raise awareness and share valuable health and prevention messages about this problem, the Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) has launched **Native Generations**, a campaign addressing the high rates of infant mortality among American Indians and Alaska Natives. The campaign was made possible by funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health.

"We are pleased to launch the Native Generations campaign, which highlights examples of innovative and vital programs serving Native families in two major cities," said Ralph Forquera, Founding Director of the Urban Indian Health Institute, a division of the Seattle Indian Health Board. "The majority of American Indians and Alaska Natives – almost 70 percent – reside in urban areas. As the Native Generations video shows, connecting families to health care and providing support grounded in Native culture can reduce risk for infant

death and help put an end to the infant mortality crisis."

Native Generations depicts examples of effective approaches to outreach in Seattle and Detroit. As a vital prevention strategy, the video shares compelling stories of urban Native parents who have discovered ways to embrace their culture and community for the health of their families. The video teaches parents about infant health, safety practices and health risks.

"The disparities in infant mortality and maternal and child health among American Indians and Alaska Natives are striking," said J. Nadine Gracia, M.D., M.S.C.E., Acting Director of the Office of Minority Health. "Efforts like Native Generations underscore that, when culturally competent services are combined with awareness and education, we can make a difference in improving infant health and reducing disparities."

In the next few months, the Urban Indian Health Institute plans to distribute the video to health providers and community organizations that serve American Indian and Alaska Native families.

There are Urban Indian Health Organizations

in 20 states supporting Native generations in urban areas. Urban Indian Health Organizations provide health services, cultural activities and resources to protect the health and well-being of Native generations.

The Office of Minority Health is dedicated to improving the health status of racial and ethnic minority populations – including African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders – through the development of policies and programs that will eliminate health disparities.

View the video along with materials and other resources for families on the Native Generations webpage: www.uihi.org/NativeGenerations.

*Data Source: *Linked Birth-Death Certificate Data: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, UIHO service area counties, 2002-06*



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I think the focus...and what I'm trying to do is, as I mentioned, the cream will come to the top and when we start looking around the board and we start seeing our needs... people that have gone through fire or divorce or lost their job...those are the ones that we should be there for... people may disagree with me but we can't give everyone a home, everyone agrees with that, but I do believe that we can make sure that everyone has housing or access to adequate housing... I think we can do that.

When you look at 10 million dollars can do, it could subsidize rent or mortgages, and it could acquire multiple unit domiciles...but the only thing that is absolute fact whether that's true or not is that none of this can happen without a plan. And the plan is more than throwing ideas out, the plan today at least, is where we actually try to take what is thought and said and translate that to a static form, a medium that we can start building all these things that we talked about and try to cover all those bases inclusively and we do it together, there is no Jon Greendeer plan there is no Joey Price plan or Mark Butterfield plan this is everybody, all interested folks and so I think this is the best way to build a model, a solution for a lot of people.

When I think of homeless people I think of people living under bridges and in tents and on the street, but there are Ho-Chunk people that are homeless.

When you watch the news and someone says they're homeless you don't think they are 35 years old and living with their parent or grandparent, that's not the first thought you get, you really get that impounded thought of someone living under a bridge or in a cardboard box or in a stairwell...part of this is that we haven't rigidly defined what homelessness is...I have siblings and Ho-chunk brothers

and sister that are living with their grandparents and they are perfectly fine with that and I think sometimes it causes undue burden on those people that are caretaking for those folks. So, I don't think they have a home, I'm pretty sure they don't have a home, but I don't think they are homeless. That's something that... perhaps with a new plan we can profile those...you are a single person living in a small apartment, you know you have a home but you are not a homeowner. I think when we go through these and actually start profiling and looking at people based on what their need is...this person has gone through a domestic situation and they are longer with a home, now they may have a job, they may every ability to do that...we have people that are making a thousand dollars a week without a home because one of the problems is that there is no access, not just in Indian country, but the housing market is small, or they don't have permanent jobs.

I think what is important to do is break these down by the many different dimensions; cause people can fall into a category of some sort if we all think about that ahead of time. We can design our services around that, so you are right, they are not homeless and I think when we do define homeless and we do see that you are living in the streets at night and you have nowhere to go...that's a case where there is absolutely no reason why anyone in that room (people attending this summit) should have to say no.

There should be something there for that person without judging how they got to that situation or not there should be something there. It's a tough one.

I think the Nation is going to take a conscious look at this. You know, if I keep going I'm going to go to an area meeting and I'm going to try to save one day myself by saying "Okay this is what we will do for you guys...and I'm going to do something new..." this is how this thing

has snowballed into what it is...if we just go back and take a look at the millions of dollars we are ready to spend next year and say we are going to go need-based first... yes, I love the idea of giving people low interest mortgages but, when you give two million dollars for that you have immediately wiped your ability out to take care of forty people to make sure they have a roof over their head. We got into mortgage lending and I don't know why or how or if we are even certified or legal to provide mortgage lending, do you know what banks and financial institutions have to go through to be able to have the ability, the disclosure's they are required to follow?

So we do that and then on top of that, I know in a lot of cases, I just looked at a list of people that we are actually doing a tremendous financial disservice to them by giving them an HOP and locking them into a 125 thousand house and a 30-year mortgage... Oh my God, that's a bad move. It's a good idea and concept but...

What is the possibility of finding a complex or apartments where elders can live near one another and have their own safe space?

I think the Nation does have to expand its inventory of property management, not necessarily homes, but multiple unit facilities...Let's just say our goal by 2015 is to acquire 40 more living units, 2 bedroom apartments in the Dells area for subsidized rent programs focused on the homeless...what we are having problems with is that there are people who don't fit the need-based profile but maybe on the back nine we have a fund that will help people who are doing good and taking care of themselves with rent subsidies...maybe helping people with their rent.

I think that there are many people that are renting and they are okay with that, but we all would love to have a house.

What if we put in the Hockak Worak...Are you homeless or do you know someone

who is? If so please call this number... and then we provide our intake and we start defining who is homeless and with nowhere to go and we build that list out with the ones that have needs first and those who are okay with their living situations further down the list. There has to be a cut-off line between the need based... and I think the Nation has the resources and I said this yesterday and I hope it resonated well...Did you notice that no one ever said that we don't have the money to do this? 42 people sitting in the room and talking about housing and critical issues and not one person said we don't have enough money. We do... Maybe we don't have enough to fix everything but we have enough to make a considerable impact on the issue.

Are there issues with people that are delinquent with their rent or house payment?

We had a good conversation about that yesterday with some folks and it kind of broke open when we discovered there are people with more than one per-cap living in a house that's already subsidized for 200 and something dollars a month and they still can't pay the rent. People are making poor choices and we have people out there trying to get people educated and no one is kicking in the door to find out what to do with their money. No one wants to be told what to do with his or her money.

How about we say, you can become an HOP client when you can qualify for a mortgage by an outside firm. When you demonstrate that, when someone is willing to give you a mortgage, then we are going to help you. There are different options.

How do we make people more responsible for their actions and paying what they owe?

People like to enjoy their life... but they think that because the Nation is this big faceless organization with a lot of money there is no shame in that, but they don't realize they are taking away from somebody else that re-

ally does need help.

We need incentives to make people take care of their housing. We have to keep home ownership a priority, but not all people are homeowners, some by choice and some by affordability. Some don't have the resources to do that so. I hope that a lot of good things come out of this meeting.

Some people, these need folks, there is always going to be a need. Some folks we can lift up and for some, for some odd reason, whether its felonious issues, AODA issues or mental stability issues they may always fall into that need place, transitional housing is out of the window for these folks because they are not going to get better, they are not going to be able to improve their life and those are the need folks so... there isn't an easy way out for some people.

In closing what do you want to say to the people?

When we take these jobs, whether they are elected or not, when we work for the Nation we have a responsibility to the welfare of our people. You don't have to swear an oath to do that. We have a responsibility to the welfare of our people and when we go back in history you look at the basic needs, food, water and shelter. Take a look at how much we do beyond our basic needs and how much influence is based on per-cap and other benefits and all of a sudden we may have deviated pretty far away from our original basic needs. It's time to come back to those original areas because the people that do have those, while we are sitting here complaining about this program not working and me not getting a job here or not getting a promotion or 4 % raise there are some people that may have a child that doesn't have a place to sleep at night. I can't believe that that isn't more important so, that's what this is about.

The next housing meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 28th 2013. This is an issue that needs attention and input from all tribal members.

Milwaukee Branch Office opens after major facelift

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

On November 30th the Milwaukee branch office held an informal re-opening gathering to welcome the opening of its doors to Nation's members. The offices opened on Friday after a four month long renovation project that tore down to bare walls and rebuilt office spaces, kitchen and a large meeting room.

The building was bought in 1998 and at that time some work was done to get it into a place that could be used for offices and meeting spaces, but as time went on the building finally got to a place where it needed much more work to be an effective facility capable of housing tribal members needs.

According to Cherie Byhre the Facilities Manager, who has been in that position for



President Jon Greendeer, area legislators and the Milwaukee Branch office staff.



Director of Administration Michael Rave speaks to the gathering.

four years, there is currently about five hundred tribal members in the Milwaukee area and they service over one hundred of them a month.

When the tribe first set up a branch office around 1988 they rented a space that was used until the move to the



The branch office is located at 3501 So. Howell St. Milwaukee, WI 53207

current address.

The center has a youth services coordinator, language instruction some health services including transportation. A elder representative has just been hired on to help with the issues of local elders.

Cherie talked a bit about the need for housing and she has had talks with the area representative about the needs. As in most areas the

need for housing is an issue.

Administration Director Michael Rave spoke to the informal gathering about the history of the building and the new renovations that have been needed for a while. He thanked all of the staff and employees for their support and for all of their efforts including a 4 month lay off while the building was being worked on.

Secretarial Election challenge denial appealed

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

A challenge to the Aug. 14 Secretarial Election recently was turned down the Bureau of Indian Affairs, but the challenger is appealing the decision.

Tribal member Gloria Visintin sent a letter to the BIA on Aug. 17, stating that proposed constitutional amendments were not reviewed and approved by the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitutional Reform Committee as required by General Council policies.

The proposed constitutional amendments are previously passed General Council resolutions that were moved forward by the General Council Agency. The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature moved forward the "4-year degree" requirements for its branch of government.

On Oct. 29, the BIA issued a letter, stating that the challenge was being denied. Visintin had 30 days to appeal the decision.

Visintin has chosen to appeal the decision, issuing the appeal on Nov. 30, according to Ho-Chunk Attorney General Sheila Corbine.

The explanation for the denial to the challenge was stated in an October 29 letter from Diane K. Rosen, BIA regional director.

In her letter, Rosen said that the Nation is responsible for any rules, regulations and decisions up to the Secretarial Election and that the BIA will not rule on those steps leading up to the point of requesting the Secretarial Election.

In explanation for the denial, the letter states:

The regulations indicate that Indian tribes may request the Secretary of the Interior to call and authorize elections to amend a tribal constitution pursuant to the amending article of that tribe's constitution. Specifically, Article XIII, Section 2 of the Ho-Chunk Constitution addressing Secretarial Election requests provides:

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to call and hold an election on any proposed amendment to this Constitution at the request of two-thirds of the entire Legislature, at the request of the General Council, or upon presentation of a petition signed by thirty percent of eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The election of August 14, 2012, was requested by the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council pursuant to Resolution 10-0102011-1.

Included with the Secretarial Election request was General Council Resolution 09-13-08-6, a resolution granting the General Council Agency enumerated Authorities to act on its behalf in order to expedite the election process. There are fourteen enumerated powers in the resolution. Significantly, the GCA is authorized with authority to (1) request a Secretarial Election on behalf of the General Council, (2)

to provide comments to the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the resolutions, (3) to include and exclude resolutions, (5) meet with officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and have (8) any ministerial acts necessary to conduct the Secretarial Election.

To carry out administrative functions for a Secretarial Election, "the General Council very clearly vested the GCA with general and specific powers to act on its behalf to proceed with the election."

Visintin believes that the GCA unlawfully exercised constitutional authority. She stated that the resolutions are required to be reviewed by the Constitutional Reform Committee and the General Council before being placed on the ballot.

"The Bureau of Indian Affairs need not look at or make a determination of the constitutional authorities beyond the amending article in order to proceed with authorizing the Secretarial

Election. Any concerns over constitutional authority should be raised in Ho-Chunk forums."

The letter further states that the Ho-Chunk President, the Vice President, as well as the GCA Chairman reviewed the technical comments, yet "None of the branches you raised concerns over objected to or raised concerns with the Bureau of Indian Affairs over the processes used to request the election."

The BIA declines to look behind the communications from the General Council acting through the GCA. Eligible voters were given notice of the Secretarial Election, including copies of the proposed amendments more than 30 days, the letter stated.

"For all of the reasons discussed in this letter, your challenge to the Secretarial Election is denied."

Veto option approved for president's use

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

One thing has been missing in the president's powers – until now.

Veto power has been approved by voters during the Secretarial Election in August, which was then certified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

"The president will be able to veto any action by the Legislature – any official actions such as motions

and resolutions," Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Information Officer Henning Garvin said.

"Ideally, and in all likelihood, it will never be used," he said.

The veto power is something that has been talked about for years and is not the result of any recent action.

"It's more in line with government's checks-and-balances type of system,"

Garvin said.

The Legislature could still override a presidential veto by a two-thirds majority vote.

Writing it permanently into the Constitution is tentatively on hold because a challenge to the Secretarial Election was made. On Oct. 29, the BIA issued a decision, denying the challenge. However, the decision can be appealed, so no action on the veto power will take place until either the deadline to appeal has passed,

or a final decision has been made, Garvin said.

A veto would only be used to:

- Stop laws or actions from being implemented if they violate the Constitution, other laws of the Nation, court orders, or policies set forth by the General Council.
- Prevent encroachment on Executive powers.
- Prevent actions or laws that would undermine or damage the Nation's financial

stability.

• Prevent actions or laws that would undermine or damage the reputation of the Nation.

• Prevent actions or laws that are not in the best interests of the people of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

• Prevent actions or laws that obligate or commit the Ho-Chunk Nation resources without proper diligence and notice to the Office of The President and affected parties.

Ho-Chunk Nation joins the “One Text or Call Could Wreck It All” Campaign to educate Tribal Members

Submitted by Nicole Thunder, HCN Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Program Coordinator

In an effort to make our roads safer, Ho-Chunk Nation announced today that they have joined the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "One Text or Call Could Wreck It All" campaign to stop distracted driving. Ho-Chunk Nation's Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Program (HCN MVIPP) has pledged their support to help spread the message that distracted drivers are not only a danger to themselves, but everyone else on the road.

"We all know that talking on our cell phones while driving is distracting, but that doesn't stop most people from continuing to do it," said Nicole Thunder, Ho-Chunk Nation's Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Program Coordinator. "This effort is intended to educate our community about the dangers of cell phone use and other distractions while driving. We hope that once people see the statistics and realize the danger involved, they will change their driving habits to help protect themselves, their families, and others on the road."

In 2009 alone, nearly 5,500 people were killed and a half million more were injured in distracted driving crashes. That same year, 20 percent of injury crashes involved reports of distracted driving.

While anything that takes your eyes off the road, hands off the wheel, or mind off the task of driving is a hazard, there is heightened concern about the risks of texting while driving because it combines all three types of distraction – visual, manual and cognitive.

The national distracted driving effort focuses on ways to change the behavior of drivers through legislation, enforcement, public awareness and education – the same activities that have curbed drunk driving and increased seat belt use.

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Campaign is conducting observational surveys, mass media campaigns, educational/community activities and partnering with the local Sheriff's Departments and Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Police to conduct and assist with saturation patrols throughout Tribal lands in its



efforts to bring awareness to Tribal members. "Every driver in our community has a role in this effort," said Thunder. "However, we especially want to reach out to parents with teen drivers because we know that statistically, the under-20 age group had the highest proportion of distracted drivers involved in fatal crashes."

Ho-Chunk Nation's goal with this campaign is simple – save lives by getting drivers to remember that "One Text or Call Could Wreck It All."

"Distracted driving is an epidemic on America's roadways, and we're doing our part to help put an end to it," said U.S. Secretary of Transportation

Texting & Driving

Know the dangers...

For more information contact Nicole Thunder, HCN Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Program Coordinator at 715-284-9851 ext. 5070 or Nicole.Thunder@ho-chunk.com



General Council Resolution 9-22-12-5 Update

Submitted by HHCD

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing has been working in conjunction with the Office of the President and Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCD) to address HCN General Council Resolution No. 9-22-12-5, FY 2013-2014 Home Ownership Expansion Authorization for \$10,000,000.00.

There has been a survey drafted that addresses the Housing needs of Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal members. The survey addresses needs for homeownership, property rental, veterans' housing, and assisted living / elder housing. The draft survey will be presented to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for approval prior to the survey's being mailed out to the Tribal membership.

A Housing Summit was held November 28-29, with attendees including the Department of Housing, HHCD, the Office of President, the Legislature, Veteran Affairs, and Social Services. Information was provided by the different divisions, including the current inventory of rentals by location; HOP and Property Management waiting-list statistics by district and location; the number of Tribal

members served through HOP by district/county; HHCD rental statistics; and the status of the sustainability of HOP elder housing funding.

There was extensive discussion on the issues/concerns that all divisions hear about from Tribal members and strategies to address these. The participating divisions have scheduled a meeting in January to continue to work together and to create a comprehensive plan to address the areas of concern and need relating to Tribal housing.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing and Public Works brings you these helpful tips and reminders for the winter season.

HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS- Now is the time of year to update your applications for the Home Ownership Program. Please contact the Department of Housing at (608) 374-1225 or visit the Ho-Chunk Nation website – Housing link to obtain an update form. Updated applications can be returned to Malachi Emery or Patti Hansen to the Department of Housing P.O. Box 170, Tomah, WI 54660.

TAXES- Tribal Members who own a home through

HOP that is on taxable land should turn in their tax bills to the Treasury Department attention Connie O'Neil, as soon as possible.

HOME SAFETY DRYER FIRES- Be sure to clean the lint trap and the vent on your dryers. Excess lint can build up and cause a serious fire. In fact, on average, more than 13,000 fires start in laundry rooms in the United States each year, resulting in 10 deaths and \$97 million in property damage. Nearly 4,000 of these fires arise from lint buildup that occurs when people fail to clean their dryer vents.

SMOKE DETECTORS- Should be installed on every level of the home, away from the kitchen – it's not a pizza timer! and near sleeping areas. It is important to test them regularly, and have the batteries changed. An easy way to remember this is to do it when you change your clocks at daylight savings time. Another key thing to remember is to have an evacuation plan and most importantly – practice it!

CARBON MONOXIDE- What is carbon monoxide? Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas that is produced when fuel—gasoline, propane, natural gas, oil, wood, or coal—is burned. CO is extremely dangerous to

people when emitted in an enclosed, unventilated area, such as a house, garage or car. It is important to have a CO detector installed in your home. CO detectors should be installed about 5 feet off the ground, on every floor, and near sleeping areas. They are inexpensive (under \$50) and are available at home improvement and hardware stores as well as discount stores like Wal-Mart and Target. Look for one that is battery operated and be sure to change them every year, just like smoke detectors. CO detectors should also be replaced every five years, as they lose sensitivity over time.

SNOW SHOVELING- Be heart healthy and back friendly while shoveling this winter with these tips: Avoid caffeine or nicotine before beginning. These are stimulants, which may increase your heart rate and cause your blood vessels to constrict. This places extra stress on the heart. Drink plenty of water. Dehydration is just as big an issue in cold winter months as it is in the summer. Dress in several layers so you can remove a layer as needed. Pick the right shovel for you. A smaller blade will require you to lift less snow, putting less strain on your body. Begin

shoveling slowly to avoid placing a sudden demand on your heart. Pace yourself and take breaks as needed. Stand with your feet about hip width for balance and keep the shovel close to your body. Bend from the knees (not the back) and tighten your stomach muscles as you lift the snow. Avoid twisting movements. Most importantly listen to your body. Stop if you feel pain!

SNOW REMOVAL

Attention: Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Members 60 years of age and older or disabled

The Department of Housing and Public Works would like to remind everyone that winter weather is right around the corner. Please get your snow removal Release of Liability Form updated and returned to the Department of Housing and Public Works. The forms are available from Department of Housing and Public Works, as well as the Tribal Aging Unit. You can send, fax or e-mail the Release of Liability form to our office, attention Michelle Winneshiek.

For questions, call the Department of Housing at (608) 374-1225. Fax number is (608) 374-1233 or Tribal Aging Unit at (715) 284-0811.

Ho-Chunk Nation questions motives of shadow group

Submitted by Collin Price, Public Relations Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation President is calling on a shadowy group running TV and radio ads to come clean and reveal who is paying for its flashy and expensive advertising campaign opposing Indian casinos. "This same group pops up every few years, takes some shots at tribes in Wisconsin and then disappears," charged President Jon Greendeer.

"No one knows who pays for their activities or what drives their anti-Indian rhetoric," he continued.

The group, calling themselves Enough Already Inc. is in its third reincarnation of virtually identical groups dating from around 2005. This time the group appears to be spending much more than the hundreds of thousands of dollars it spent in the past. "Whoever it is, they are evidently well-

heeled," added President Greendeer. "They are running TV and radio, plus those ads are very slick, they remind me of ads that a casino might produce," he continued.

Enough Already is running ads questioning the need for more Indian casinos, but not citing any real justification for doing so and they do not disclose who is paying for the ads. The group has not provided any information on its true identity to the state in

its incorporation filings or to the IRS on any tax filings.

The Ho-Chunk Nation firmly believe Wisconsin is open for business and that would include employing Wisconsin community members in the gaming industry. By employing 2300 non tribal members, the Ho-Chunk Nation will contribute to those families' ability to provide a happy holiday season for their loved ones. "The Ho-Chunk Nation is

out in the public talking about creating jobs, partnering with communities and moving Wisconsin forward, groups like this have no credibility when it is apparent they are hiding their real agenda," commented the President. "Wouldn't it be ironic if it turns out this group is being funded by out of state gaming interests," stated the President. "I hope they tell the truth and let the public know," the President ended.

For-profit school funding to begin fall 2013

Submitted by Marcus F. Lewis, Higher Education Division Manager

The Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department will begin funding students at for-profit institutions on a limited basis beginning fall 2013. The new applications will be available online in January 2013 on the higher education website: www.ho-chunknation.com/highered.

The Ho-Chunk membership should be aware that for-profit schools are, typically, more expensive than

public, non-profit institutions and that the financial responsibilities placed upon individual students will be greater than the Education Department can fund. Further, the division will provide additional resources regarding alternatives to for-profit education on our website. As always, students who have questions regarding his/her academic program or future career plans are invited to contact the Higher Education Division and we will be happy to speak with you.

Inquiries regarding for-profit schools should be addressed to Marcus Lewis, Higher Education Division Manager. You may contact him via telephone at (800) 362-4476 or email at lewis@ho-chunk.com.

SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of Wisconsin & Eau Claire County Child Support Agency, Petitioner, v. Duana F. Link, Respondent.

Case : CS 12-81

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: [Duana F. Link](#)

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS

(First Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Capital One Bank USA NA FKA

Capital One Bank A Foreign Corporation, Petitioner, v. Devin Funmaker, Respondent.

Case : 12-122

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: [Devin Funmaker](#)

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of Wisconsin, Petitioner, v. Anson White Eagle, Respondent.

Case : CS 12-74

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: [Anson White Eagle](#)

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SUMMONS

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of Wisconsin, Petitioner, v. Michael A. Funmaker, Respondent.

Case : CS 12-79

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: [Michael A. Funmaker](#)

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Ho-Chunk Gaming donates to Unmet Needs Program

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

A check for \$1,000 from Ho-Chunk Gaming was donated to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Unmet Needs Program on Dec. 7.

This is the fourth year in a row Ho-Chunk Gaming has made such a donation.

can," Harris said.

DeRosa also owns 12 other Burger King restaurants throughout Western Wisconsin. Also present was local VFW representative Gilbert Poff and Woody Meyer from WWIS.

DeRosa was the first Burger King owner to make

transportation, food, and utilities.

"These guys and gals don't make a lot of money," DeRosa said, "especially when they have multiple deployments. There's usually a lag in pay."

DeRosa gave an example of how the Unmet Needs Program can help a family when confronted with the financial strain. He said, for instance, the husband is away on deployment when his wife's car has transmission trouble. The Unmet Needs Program would pay for the repairs by sending a check directly to the repair shop.

"The program helps thousands of families," he said. "The money is raised local and it stays local. Local families will be receiving this money."

The number one expenditure the program assists with is housing, he said.

"About 55 percent goes toward rent or to make house payments in order to stop foreclosures," he said.

Burger King in Black River Falls has raised \$2,500 for the Unmet Needs Program, with many donations coming from individuals. When a donation is made, the donor can fill out a slip of paper, which is then posted on the windows of the restaurant.

"The amounts of the donations have varied, but no one has given less than a dollar," DeRosa said. To



Displaying the check from Ho-Chunk Gaming to the Unmet Needs Program are (from left) Mike DeRosa, Gilbert Poff, Tris Harris, and Woody Meyer.

inspire customers to help out with the cause, the restaurant provides a food coupon to donors. The food coupon will offer them a free sandwich or fries or other food.

Ho-Chunk Gaming is the first corporate sponsor for the Unmet Needs program and, because of its support, it has influenced other organizations to become involved. The Unmet Needs Program began in 2004 and Burger King became involved in 2007.

"To date, Burger King affiliates have raised \$1.7 million," DeRosa said. "We're on track to break \$2 million this year."

Locally, his Burger King restaurants have raised \$28,000 and he believes that, when the campaign has ended

for the year, the total will be more than \$40,000.

"It's a great program. I love it," DeRosa said. "I'm going to stay with it until all unmet needs are met."

At the check presentation, local radio personality Woody Meyer, for local radio station WWIS, provided a remote broadcast from Burger King.

The campaign to raise money goes from the beginning of November to Pearl Harbor Day (December 7). Although their campaign is now over, the Unmet Needs Program collects money throughout the year. Another way to donate is through the program's Web site, www.unmetneeds.org.



Tris Harris, senior manager of Ho-Chunk Gaming Public Relations-BRF, (right) speaks about the donation to the Unmet Needs Program with Woody Meyer of WWIS (left) and Mike DeRosa, owner of Burger King in Black River Falls.

Tris Harris, Sr. Manager of Ho-Chunk Gaming Public Relations-Black River Falls, presented the check to Mike DeRosa, owner of Burger King in Black River Falls.

"It is an honor to be able to make this donation to the VFW Unmet Needs Program as our Veterans are held in high regards and we want to help them in any way we

the Unmet Needs Program a priority in his restaurants. Now, the effort among Burger King restaurants has gone nationwide, with more than 1,000 Burger King restaurants collecting money for the program.

The Unmet Needs Program helps families of military service members with various needs, such as housing,

Veterans and employees observe Pearl Harbor Day



Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek speaks at the Pearl Harbor Day Observance to honor all who served in the military during the invasion, especially those people who lost their lives.

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Veterans and employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation gathered at the front of the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls for a ceremony in observance of Pearl Harbor Day on December 7.

The ceremony began with the raising of the flags, then lowering them to half-staff.

Speakers were Robert Mann and Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek.

Singers from the Tribal Office Building provided the music. Service songs and dances were offered for each of the military branches, including the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and the Marines.



Flags from each of the branches of military service, including the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines, are placed in the rack in preparation for the Pearl Harbor Day observance.



Singers from the Tribal Office Building provide the music for each of the Service Songs.

Hope Through Christ Ministries opens warming center

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

On Wednesday December 5th this local Baraboo church will open the city's first warming center for the homeless. The center is open to all that need a place to stay and would like a hot meal.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. and will close at 8 a.m.

They have hopes of being able to feed two meals during an overnight stay. A dinner when they come in and a breakfast before they leave in the morning.

The Church has been a place of worship for several Tribal members including Alice Cloud, who has been a member since 2006. Alice said that there are a few Ho-

Chunk members that come to worship in this small charismatic church located on South Parkway Street in Baraboo. Several members even travel from Black River Falls to attend services at this church.

Pastor Matthew Fearson and his wife Rochelle, who have been called to minister since 1996, have been leading this church since 2004 after coming from Jacksonville, Illinois.

The opening for such a center is a much needed facility for this city of over twelve thousand. Although we may think that homelessness as a big city issue, small towns such as Baraboo, Portage and Reedsburg have



The church is located at 620 So. Parkway St. Baraboo WI.

recently seen a rise in those that need shelter and food.

This warming center will be able to house only 20 persons per night, so the need may arise for other churches and organizations to help with this growing need.

Pastor Fearson said that this facility is open to all who have a need and welcomes any help someone may offer including volunteer work.

This is a new endeavor for the church and is taking donations of money, food, clothing, and bedding and most anything that will help with this attempt to curb some of the homeless needs in this community.

Sunday church services are at 10:30 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m.

Bible study on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and Prayer



The basement will accommodate those that need a place to spend the night.

service on Friday at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to help please contact Pastor

Matthew Fearson at

hopethroughchrist@gmail.com or call (608) 434-7599



Pastor Matthew Fearson and wife Rochelle welcome all who need shelter.

The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC) TITLE 2 – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7 – TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CODE, Enacted by Legislature: October 16, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation's newsletter and on the Nation's website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant's name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. There will be an exemption for adoptions. Pursuant to Wisconsin and other States' Laws certain information will be neither published nor released. This determination may be appealed to the Committee on Tribal Enrollment (contact the Office of Tribal Enrollment) by any adult (18 years and older) enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes Notice of Eligibility for Membership. EOPUB12122012

APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
BIG JOHN, Buddy Maurice	08/03/1997	1/4	Haw Kaw Chaw Pin Nee Kah Fred Miner 1901 - #00234	-----	Non - MEMBER
BUSH, Cameron James	08/05/2003	1/2	Mauh Tis A Kah Nat Sager Dick 1901 - #01178	-----	Non - MEMBER
BUSH, Ramona Rose	10/02/2002	1/2	Mauh Tis A Kah Nat Sager Dick 1901 - #01178	-----	Non - MEMBER
CARRIAGA, Isriana Akilah Faith	08/05/2012	1/4	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr. 1881 - #00328	Marcus Scott Carriaga	Bethany Lynn Ward
FORD, Tyler John	Confidential	5/16	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential
GARVIN, Kai Cecil	03/31/2008	3/8	Confidential Chau Zap Kah Black Deer 1881 - #00174	Henning Haakon Garvin	Kjetil Shinn Wings Lowe
GULSBY, Kaia Arielle	06/02/2012	1/4	Chau Wak Ja Xi Gah Will Greendeer 1901 - #00080	-----	Kristen Raegan Greendeer
KEMP, Uriah Lewis	01/11/2012	1/4	Chau Zap Kah Black Deer 1881 - #00174	William Jones Kemp	-----
KIMPS, Jocelyn Evangeline	01/02/1998	1/4	Mau Shoo Cho Kah Edward Smith 1901 - #01137	Ira Littlelesky Laes	-----
LITTLEGEORGE, Naomi Sianna	02/23/2007	111/128	Ka Ra Chu Sep Ska Kah Jesse George Little George, Sr. 1901 - #00466	Kenneth Neil Little George, Jr.	Jessi Li Cleveland
McDOUGAL, Marquail Michael	02/01/2011	1/4	Chek Ra Hep Kah George Deer 1901 - #00300	Jerome John Houston	-----
ORTH, Debra Lou Burnett	03/21/1955	1/2	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr. 1881 - #00328	Harold Jones Fulmer, Jr.	-----
PETITBONE, Darien Alex Reyes	09/05/2010	5/8	Ha Na Kah Ben Decorra 1901 - #00258	Victor DeLuna	Starlyn Evening Sky Pettibone
PRINGLE, Chelsea Nicole	09/22/1994	1/4	Che Nunk E To Ka Ra Kah Albert Thunder, Sr. 1901 - #00270	Non - MEMBER	Non - MEMBER
PRINGLE, Joshua Michael	06/16/1991	1/4	Che Nunk E To Ka Ra Kah Albert Thunder, Sr. 1901 - #00270	Non - MEMBER	Non - MEMBER
RAVE, Brenda Josephine	03/30/2000	23/32	Henry Peter Rave W - 1910 - #00839	Non - MEMBER	Tanya Lyn Mrotek
RAVE, Danae June	11/13/1998	23/32	Henry Peter Rave W - 1910 - #00839	Non - MEMBER	Tanya Lyn Mrotek
RAVE, Ian Stacy	10/27/1995	23/32	Henry Peter Rave W - 1910 - #00839	Non - MEMBER	Tanya Lyn Mrotek
RAVE, Kaylyn Pearl	12/03/1997	23/32	Henry Peter Rave W - 1910 - #00839	Non - MEMBER	Tanya Lyn Mrotek
REDHORN, Anthony-Delbert Ray	06/26/2006	1/4	Wau Soo Mon E Kah Frank Snowball 1881 - #00502	Non - MEMBER	Non - MEMBER
REEL, Aerius Red Sky	07/31/2012	1/2	Na He Kaw Duncan Rave, Sr. N - 1910 - #00775	Eli Felix Rave	Sommer Bright Star Reel
RUCINSKI, Aubryelle Renee	06/15/2011	3/8	Wa Con Cha Cho Kah George Green Thundercloud 1901 - #00459	-----	Hillary Angel Johnson
SMITH, Jessalyn Rochelle	06/15/2010	79/256	George Smith N - 1910 - #00885	Non - MEMBER	Non - MEMBER
TWINN, Charles Lee	04/17/1971	1/4	Ah Nunch E Ka La Kaw Joseph Twinn N - 1910 - #00640	Non - MEMBER	-----
WALKER, Rayvon Maxwell	03/17/2011	7/16	Wojh Tchaw He Ray Kah George Funmaker, Sr. 1881 - #00328	-----	Ashley Anne Funmaker
WHITERABBIT-DECORA, Garrett Mitchell	11/14/1998	1/2	Hay Na Kah Rufus Lute (Whiterabbit) DeCora 1901 - #00070	Francis Theodore (Whiterabbit) DeCora	-----

CERTIFICATION

I, *Rita Gustine* Enrollment Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the above Eligibility List is an accurate presentation of enrollment applications reviewed and processed by the Office of Tribal Enrollment. Signed and dated this 14th day of December, 2012.

Henry White Thunder, then and now

THEN...

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

We all have a story. We may not know that, and we may not see that, but when you get to talking about life's journeys, the where, the when's and how's, all those things come together to make us who we are.

In a conversation with this young man, he shared his life story of where he was and where he is today.

Henry White Thunder is the son of Howard White Thunder Jr. and June White Eagle-White Thunder.

He was raised all of his life in Wisconsin and has never really ever left here.

One of four brothers and a sister Henry spent his younger days going to school in the Dells, Tomah and Wisconsin Rapids areas.

He said that he tested out of high school early and received his GED in 1982.

After failing to get out of the military from health issues, his life seemed to spiral a bit out of control.

He was in training to go to the Marines when he was 17 but during his physical they found he had kidney trouble and had to have his left kidney removed soon after.

He said that after that he soon became dependent on alcohol and also found himself more or less homeless.

"I guess I just didn't care if I was homeless," he said. "I was living off my per-cap and probably used not getting into the military as an excuse to drink" he admits.

After a failed marriage and having kids he found himself fallen deeper into alcohol and trouble with the law.

"I was arrested many times and found myself in prison five times from drinking and driving," He said.

He said he just kind of wandered around and got in trouble and pretty much gave up on life and on him self.

During these troubled times he found himself again in prison and while in prison, around 2004, he had a physical and found out he was pre-diabetic.

He said that being in prison never really jolted him back to reality, but those words from a prison doctor hit him hard.

"I knew I had to change my lifestyle. I had seen the effects of diabetes and got scared for my life."

NOW...

His journey began 45 years ago and although the path has not always been a smooth one, he has come out on top and able to look into the future with pride and humility.

It takes a big man to be able to honestly look at himself and see what he really is.

Henry took a look and didn't like where he was and what he had become.

This doctors words sunk in like nothing ever did. He decided then and there to turn his life around.

He had had it. He wanted not only to live, be healthy and be able to see his kids and grand kids grow up to be healthy, productive members of a proud people.



Henry White Thunder certified personal trainer.

After this decision he started walking and focusing on his health and getting sober.

He quit drinking and also started studying health issues. He wanted to know about getting healthy and staying healthy. He looked into health issues concerning Native people.

What he found out was alarming. The facts about obesity and diabetes among Native peoples were sobering. All this information only helped him get into shape and change his life style.

A few years back after he had lost about one hundred pounds and was clean, he wanted to come back and work for the tribe.

"I asked them to take a chance on me and let me work for the Nation," He asked.

They did.

It was 2008 when he started cleaning rooms at the Ho-Chunk Hotel and Convention Center.

"I wanted to be a fine example of what a Ho-Chunk man could and should be."

In 2011 he saw a job posting that he knew he could do.

He applied to work at the House of Wellness as a fitness instructor. He had the desire and some knowledge of what we should not be. He was hired and soon he was where he felt he was destined to be.

He has been there for a year and has used this position to not only keep his self healthier but all those that have a desire to feel better and healthier.

"I want to be a better man. I had a physical and spiritual awakening and I want to be an example to all those that

struggle with addictions and physical ailments," He said.

When asked what he weighed back when he started at the hotel. "One hundred and eighty pounds," He said.

And what do you weigh now?

"Two ten...more muscle." He laughed.

He is also studying to be a weight loss specialist and a fitness nutrition specialist.

He studied under the National Academy of Sports Medicine to be a certified trainer, and that is what he is today.

Henry credits his Tega Morgan White Eagle with raising him and being a constant teacher that took him under his wing and although it may have took a little while for Henry to come around, he's made his mother and his Tega proud.



Henry before he lost 100 lbs.



Advisor nominations sought for Jackson County FSA Committee

Submitted by Julie Dokkestul, Jackson County Farm Service Agency

The Jackson County Farm Service Agency (FSA) office is searching for a minority and female producers interested in serving as an advisor to the FSA County Committee, according to County Executive Director, Julie A. Dokkestul.

"The person(s) selected to serve as an advisor will be instrumental in increasing the awareness and participation

in FSA activities, including elections," Dokkestul said.

"Their main purpose will be to help insure that problems and viewpoints of the under-represented groups are understood and considered in local FSA actions."

Other duties of the County Committee advisors include:

- Attending each Committee meeting, including executive sessions
- Participating in all deliberations, although advisors will not have voting

rights

- Helping to develop interest and incentives in female and minority group members for considering FSA work as a career

- Actively soliciting candidates from under-represented groups for nomination during the committee election process
- Performing special duties at the County Committee's request

"Appointments are for

a 12-month period not to exceed 9 consecutive years, effective on March 1 of each year," Dokkestul said.

County Committee members and advisors make decisions important to other producers throughout the county. As a representative of the U.S. Government entrusted with this responsibility, each committee member and advisor must make sure all producers are treated fairly. Advisors are a paid position earning

approximately \$50.00 per meeting. Meetings are held 4-6 times per year for usually no more than 3-4 hours each month.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving as a minority advisor to the FSA County Committee for 2013, please contact Julie Dokkestul at the Jackson County FSA office at (715) 284-4515, extension 103. Nominations will be reviewed by the Jackson County Committee by February 1st.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING –
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
NOVEMBER 27, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL:
President Jon Greendeer (P)
Vice President Greg Blackdeer (P)
Rep. Susan Weber (P)
Rep. Douglas Greengrass (EX)
Rep. Andrea Esteban (P)
Rep. James Greendeer (10:03)
Rep. John Holst (10:05)
Rep. Hope Smith (P)
Rep. Heather Cloud (P)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (10:03)
Rep. Forrest White Rabbit (10:03)
Rep. Robert Two Bears (P)
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle (EX)
DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:
Quorum is established.

Reps. Greendeer, Littlejohn, and White Rabbit arrive at 10:03 a.m.
OPENING PRAYER: Rep. Hope Smith offered a prayer.

Roll arrives at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve the agenda as amended to add item o. SDPI under New Business. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
MOTION by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit to approve the November 6, 2012, Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections on page 7 to capitalize the word "Mark" and "Chunk". Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **8-0-3(Reps. Greendeer, Weber, Two Bears) Motion Carried.**

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration Committee:

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to approve the November 8, 2012, Administration Committee Meeting minutes with correction to the title of taking out the extra "k" in the word "Ho-Chunk". Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **10-0-1(Rep. Two Bears) Motion Carried.**

Development Committee:

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to approve the November 21, 2012 Development Committee Meeting minutes with correction on page 2; third motion to strike the word "a" and plural the word "study" to "studies". Second by Rep. Heather Cloud. **8-1(Rep. Two Bears)-2(Reps. Weber, Littlejohn) Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Traditional Grounds Lease:

Mr. Michael Murphy stated this will be going before the Land Development Team on December 7, 2012.

Proposed Amendment to Per Capita Distribution Ordinance – Paragraph 8c:

This resolution is that the Legislature amends the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance to paragraph 8c as follows, with new language underlined:

c. Funds in the CTF of a minor or legally incompetent Member may be available for the benefit of a beneficiary's health, education, and welfare when:

(1) the needs of such

person are not being met from other Tribal funds or other state or federal public

entitlement programs or (2) the parents, or legal guardians, utilize such funds, for the beneficiary's tuition to private educational institutions, and upon a finding of special need by the Ho-Chunk Tribal Court; When hearing requests for CTF funds for purposes of funding private educational costs for such beneficiary Members, petitioners in the Tribal Court shall not be required to prove that state public education does not meet the needs of said Member; and

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to strike the paragraph 8c proposed amendment to the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance, as the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance is out for forty-five day comment period. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Lynwood:

There are no issues to address lately. Mr. Michael Murphy had contact with Mr. Barofsky two days ago. Mr. Barofsky is waiting on a report from the architect and then plans to present a full report. Mr. Murphy will ask estimate of when this will happen. Mr. Murphy stated that a Short-Term Lease Agreement with the Pells to do indoor baseball has been drafted. Vice President stated that a realtor has looked at the residential properties.

NEW BUSINESS:

Code of Ethics:

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to have a meeting with the Ethics Review Board, Office of the President, and Legislature to meet at the Comfort Inn on December 3, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

IBM Global Financing:

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to select the sixty month lease option and to authorize this lease agreement on an emergency basis due to the time constraint. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **9-0-2(Reps. Two Bears, Weber) Motion Carried.**

HCC Title 4 Children, Family, and Elder Welfare Code, Section 7:

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to place the HCC Title 4 Children, Family, and

Elder Welfare Code out for forty-five day comment period. Second by Rep. John Holst. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Upgrade to Wazee Wastewater Treatment Facility:

MOTION by Vice President Greg Blackdeer to move forward with the Wazee Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Plan and authorize to secure bids. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Forest Management:

This resolution is that the Nation has request a sum of \$3,615.65 to complete activities in Forest Development, Forest Management Inventories and Plans, Forest Product Sale and Administration and Protection from Fire and authorizes release of funds to the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Operating Account.

MOTION by Vice President Greg Blackdeer to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 11-27-12A Expenditure Plan for Forest Management Deductions Request to BIA for Release of Funds for Forestry. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Head Start Program Grant Application:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to table the Head Start Program Grant Application until the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. John Holst. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Recess:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. **9-2(Reps. Cloud, White Rabbit)-0 Motion Carried.**

The meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting back to order at 1:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Jon Greendeer (P)
Vice President Greg Blackdeer (P)
Rep. Susan Weber (P)
Rep. Douglas Greengrass (EX)
Rep. Andrea Esteban (P)
Rep. James Greendeer (1:04)
Rep. John Holst (1:04)
Rep. Hope Smith (P)
Rep. Heather Cloud (P)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (P)
Rep. Forrest White Rabbit (P)
Rep. Robert Two Bears (P)
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle (EX)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:
Quorum is established.

Reps. Greendeer and Holst arrive at 1:04 p.m.

CY 2013 Law Enforcement Agreement:

These resolutions are that the Legislature hereby supports the CY 2013 Cooperative County Tribal Law Enforcement Agreements for the purpose of developing and establishing a cooperative law enforcement program.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 11-27-12B Approval of the CY2013 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Jackson County. Second by Rep. Andrea Esteban. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 11-27-12C Approval of the CY2013 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Juneau County. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 11-27-12D Approval of the CY2013 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Sauk County. Second by Rep. Jim Greendeer. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 11-27-12E Approval of the CY2013 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for Wood County. Second by Rep. John Holst. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Land Lease for Lot 37 Indian Heights:

This resolution is that the Legislature hereby grants a lease, with a term of twenty-five years, with an option to renew for an additional twenty-five years to Robert Funnaker, Jr.

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 11-27-12F Authorization of Land Lease on Lot #37 of Indian Heights #439 T 2104 for Robert Funnaker, Jr. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Amendment to HCN Codes for Per Capita Forfeiture to Tribal Members with Felony Convictions Which Involves the HCN:

This is for discussion purposes as the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance is out for forty-five day comment period.

Native American Direct Home Loan Modification:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to refer to Department of Justice and Legislative Counsel the Native American Direct Home Loan Memorandum of Understanding for review. Second by Rep. Jim Greendeer. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Travel Approvals:

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to approve up to three Legislators to attend the 2012 NIGA Tribal Leaders Winter Legislative Summit on December 4, 2012 in Washington D.C. Second by Rep. John Holst. **11-0-0 Motion and Second Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to approve the Vice President to attend the 2012 NIGA Tribal Leaders Winter Legislative Summit on December 4, 2012 in Washington D.C. on an emergency basis due to time constraint. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **9-1(Rep. Weber)-1(P. Blackdeer) Motion Carried.**

District 2 Housing Board Nomination:

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Esteban to

appoint Mr. Owen Cloud to the Housing Board for District 2. Representative.

Second by Rep. John Holst. **10-0-1(Rep. Cloud) Motion Carried.**

District 3 Enrollment Committee Appointment:

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to appoint Ms. Lori Funnaker to the Enrollment Committee as the District 3 Representative. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

AGENDA AMENDMENT:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to amend the agenda to add two items; District 5 Tribal Member Request and Presentation on AmeriCorp and address next on the agenda. Second by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit. **10-1(Rep. Weber)-0 Motion Carried.**

District 5 Tribal Member Request:

There was a District 5 Tribal Member requesting financial assistance for a cultural event.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to refer to the Finance Committee the District 5 Tribal Member Request. Second by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit. **10-0-1(Rep. Littlejohn) Motion Carried.**

Presentation on AmeriCorps Program:

The Legislature was given a presentation and materials distributed on the Tribal AmeriCorps Program Member Service Summary Final Report to Tribes Service Year 2011-2012.

District Concerns:

District 1:

READ FOR THE RECORD: Vice President Greg Blackdeer read the District 1 Area Meeting motion to approve the 2013 Jackson County Law Enforcement Agreement with the Ho-Chunk Nation, as has been addressed earlier in the meeting.

MOTION by Vice President Greg Blackdeer to appoint Fawn Stumbling Bear to the Housing Board as the District 1 Representative per the District 1 Area Meeting motion. Second by Rep. Heather Cloud. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: Vice President Greg Blackdeer read the District 1 Area Meeting motion to stop the Separation of Business from Government.

MOTION by Vice President Greg Blackdeer to refer to the Finance Committee the District 1 Area Meeting motion to freeze the restricted fund account set aside to fund the 12 Clans Inc. Separation of Business from Government in the amount of 3.1 million dollars. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. **9-2(Reps. White Rabbit, Greendeer)-0 Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Vice President Greg Blackdeer to refer to the Office of the President the District 1 Area Meeting motion to have an addendum added to Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 11-06-12M. The addendum adds any people, corporations, boards, and businesses that have any involvement or association with the tribe to the list that is prohibited from being engaged by the Ho-Chunk Nation. Those individuals, corporations, boards, and businesses are to be listed and added to the resolution. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **11-0-0 Motion Carried.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: Vice President Greg Blackdeer read the District 1 Area Meeting motion to have the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature call a Special Legislative Meeting, specifically involving the members of Legislature who are working on the Separation of Business from Government, so they can discuss openly, and publicly and so they can inform the tribe of the leadership of what is going on with the separation initiative, before the end of the year.

NOTE: Vice President Greg Blackdeer called for a Special Legislative Meeting on December 17, 2012 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls at 10:00 a.m.

Rep. Littlejohn leaves the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Rep. Greendeer leaves the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to have a resolution drafted to rescind Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 09-25-12O Approval of Charter for Ho-Chunk Nation Section 17 Corporation. Second by Rep. John Holst. **9-0-0 Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber that Ms. Tammi Malloy or a realtor to have the whole property at Lynwood to be sold. Second by Rep. John Holst. **5-2(Rep. White Rabbit, Smith)-2(Reps. Two Bears, Cloud) Motion Carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION by Vice President Greg Blackdeer to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. **9-0-0 Motion Carried. The meeting went into Executive Session at 3:10 p.m.**

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **8-0-0 Motion Carried. (Rep. Holst out of the room). The meeting returned to Open Session at 5:13 p.m.**

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to ratify action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. John Holst. **9-0-0 Motion Carried.**

AGENDA AMENDMENT:

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Esteban to add item p. Ethics Review Board Appointment under New Business. Second by Rep. Heather Cloud. **9-0-0 Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Esteban to add item q. Rescission of Resolution 09-25-12O Approval of Charter for Ho-Chunk Nation Section 17 Corporation under New Business. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **9-0-0 Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to move District 2 Area Meeting minutes before the District 2 Area Meeting minutes and address first. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **8-1(Rep. Holst)-0 Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

District Concerns:

District 3:

READ FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Hope Smith read the District 3 Wittenberg Area Meeting motion for the area to table the 2013 Grant until the next Area Meeting.

READ FOR THE RECORD: Rep. Hope Smith read the District 3 Wittenberg Area Meeting motion for Marvin Decorati to represent the Wittenberg area on the General Council Agency.

The Green Bay Area Meeting minutes were presented to the Legislature. No action was needed on these minutes.

The Wisconsin Rapids Area Meeting minutes were presented to the Legislature. No action was needed on these minutes.

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to refer to Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency the District 3 Wisconsin Dells Area Meeting motion for the Wisconsin Dells community Tribal Members to take over the Indian Heights Community Building and for Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency to provide the funds for the building for two years. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **9-0-0 Motion Carried.**

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MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to refer to the Attorney General and the Ho-Chunk Nation Traffic & Criminal Code Task Force the District 3 Wisconsin Dells Area Meeting motion for the Ho-Chunk Nation to adopt the Wisconsin State Criminal Code but the penalties imposed by the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **9-0-0 Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to refer to the Attorney General and Legislative Counsel the District 3 Wisconsin Dells Area Meeting motion for Clarence Pettibone, Deborah Atherton and Tim Whitegate to repay all monies that were stolen from the Ho-Chunk Nation back to the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **9-0-0 Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Heather Cloud to refer to the Department of Justice the District 3 Wisconsin Dells Area Meeting motion for the Wisconsin Dells Area Meeting motion to request all the funds that are left in the Law Enforcement Commission Agreement between Juneau County and the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **9-0-0 Motion Carried.**

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Ho-Chunk Nation Housing Summit

Potawatomi Casino - November 29-30, 2012

Submitted by
Heather Cloud

Many tribal members have expressed their frustration to the Nation regarding the housing situation in which we find ourselves today. There are many tribal members that live in overcrowded conditions or live on the street, and there are not enough units within the Nation's inventory. In 2009, there was a resolution passed for the Nation to fund a Veterans Home Ownership Program. There are resolutions that have been passed by the Legislature to create Supportive Housing for Homeless Families and Veterans. At the last General Council, a resolution was passed to fix the Home Ownership Program. The Nation has appropriated \$1.5 million to the Veterans Supportive Housing Initiative. Many times over the years, the Wittenberg area has pleaded for help in addressing its housing needs and substandard housing. The Green Bay tribal membership has requested the Nation's Department of Housing and HHCDa to explore options and present land use plans to address housing needs for the tribal membership. Wisconsin Rapids has advocated for clean water for tribal members in all districts and for taking on the management of the community building. The Wisconsin Dells Area has expressed a need for more units in the area, as many tribal members are either "house surfing" or in an overcrowded situation.

In response to the overwhelming nature and also an abundance of housing concerns, President Greendeer directed his executive staff to meet and extended an invitation for HHCDa and the Legislature to attend. The purpose of this meeting was to develop a comprehensive plan to battle homelessness in The Ho-Chunk territories. The morning part of the first day started off with a brief summary from Housing, Social Services, Veterans Affairs, and HHCDa of the services each department provides to the people.

The Department of Housing reported that since the inception of HOP in 1994, the Legislature has appropriated \$ 74,630,472.00 to the Home Ownership

Program. This total includes elder and non-elder homes. Beyond this, tribal members are eligible for free Septic Replacement and Water Testing via the Nation's Environmental Services. The question was posed as to what the original intent of the Home Ownership Program was when it was developed. In attendance were members of the Legislature when this program was adopted. The intent was for it to be a "revolving door" and that the Nation would build new houses with revenue from the mortgage payments. However, in reality, this is not how it works. The mortgages are put into a restricted account to fund the building of elder homes, but the entire \$125,000 that the Nation puts into a single home is not recouped for future use. In actuality, only a portion is paid back (with the amount being dependent on the age of the tribal member when they are awarded the home), since payments are suspended at age 55. At age 55, the elder must enter into a shelter agreement for 5 years with the Nation to avoid taxation. In total, there are 146 Property Management rental units for the tribal membership in Black River Falls, Wisconsin Dells, Wittenberg, Lake Delton, and Monroe County. Housing offers snowplowing, demolishing homes, provides Down Payment Assistance, Home Repair loans, religious site development, paves driveways and does landscaping. (The latter two services are part of the HOP service.) Housing also provides roads through the BIA Roads program, for which the Legislature actively advocates for Federal support.

The Department of Social Services offers the Emergency Assistance Program, which is entirely funded with Net Profit Distribution dollars. This will cover heating, electric, rental assistance (with an eviction notice or a first month's rent payment) and food assistance up to \$600.00 per fiscal year (July-June, not including the months of percapita distributions). This will happen after all cities, local counties, and state resources have been denied to the applicant. Only the first time someone applies for this assistance is forgiven. The second time that an applicant

is awarded Emergency Assistance; they must agree to have a portion of the assistance repaid from their next per capita distribution. The third time and every time subsequently that a tribal member receives any money from the Emergency Assistance program, they must fully reimburse the money through per capita distribution withholdings. Although the assistance is not awarded in February, May, August, or November, applications are still accepted during those months. Social Services also offers the Domestic Abuse Shelter Program—transitional homes for families suffering from domestic abuse, grants for family preservation (heating, rent, electricity), and some financial training.

Veterans Affairs reported that they have recorded there to be 479 Nation. The Veteran's Home Ownership Act is currently out for a 45-day comment period for the second time, as no comments were received the first time and veterans expressed a concern to view the document.

HHCDa has rental units, Mutual Help homes, TRIP grants (to assist low-income home owners with home repairs), Emergency TRIP grants, Homebuyer Education classes, Down Payment Assistance, Snowplowing, Community Buildings, and Veteran's Supportive Housing.

After the "inventory" of what the Nation offers tribal members, President Greendeer asked all attendees to identify issues relating to our current housing situation. Listed below is what was identified:

- Tribal members wanting more (elder furniture).
- HHCDa – over income, no room to stay in communities.
- Why can't they use home equity?
- Entitlement,
- HHCDa catering to low-income, not regarding/recognition those "moving up."
- Some don't know the difference between the Department of Housing and HHCDa.
- Some want a home grant versus a home loan.
- Unsustainable home ownership program (at 55 years of age—suspension on payments).
- Ability to enforce the laws and involve law enforcement.
- Lacking a definition of what homelessness is.
- AODA issues.
- Full occupancy (and occupants in the units) not reported to Housing and HHCDa.
- Enforcement of housing policies across the board (preferential treatment).
- Transitional housing.
- Issues to beyond housing (within the HCN and outside).
- Education for homebuyers.
- Financial education.
- Waiting lists for all programs are long.
- No follow-up from HOP.
- Misconception of some at-large members that when you turn 55 you get a house.
- The point system is not fair.
- Homelessness.
- Immediacy – members need somewhere to live right now.
- Refinance concerns.
- Repairs/maintenance taking a long time.
- Where are people on the waiting list?
- Entitlement to land if member is an heir.
- Takes a long time to repair homes.
- Vacancies – why are there open units?
- Elder assisted living \ elder housing.
- Disabled/VADA accessibility.
- Consequences for delinquency.
- HOP amount too low for higher income areas
- Some services are provided to specific districts.

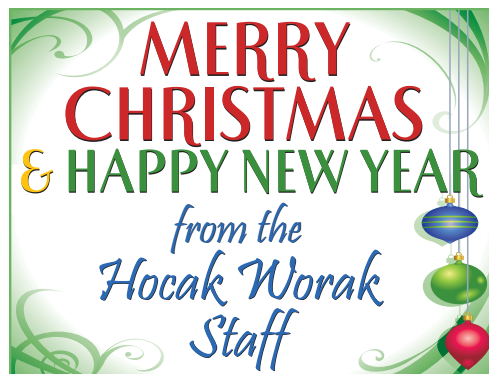
After all of the concerns of the Tribal membership were listed, President Greendeer asked everyone to identify those that are in most need of the services offered. He pointed to a diagram of the Nation and its "profit" from the Home Ownership Program, and stressed the unsustainability of the program on a long-term basis. He pointed out that "the Nation is not a financial institution, so why is the Nation doing financial lending to home owners?" He stated that when he brought this to the attention of Traditional Court, he inquired as to whether this path should be continued or if the monies would be better routed to other programs and uses. The answer was that tribal members in most need should be assisted. From that point on, he geared the discussion toward identifying the needs of the Nation's members. The needs identified included:

- Physical/mental disability.
- Substandard housing
- Low income.
- Single parents.
- Unemployed/underemployed.
- Homeless.
- Emergency.
- Domestic violence.
- Caregivers.
- Diabetics.
- Obesity.
- Number of dependents (childcare).
- Returning veterans.
- Not financially savvy.
- Gambling addictions.
- Divorce.
- Foster families.
- Bad credit.
- Child placement/protection.
- Don't know their Ho-Chunk family.
- Natural disasters.
- Criminal backgrounds.
- Substance abuse issues.
- Relocated.
- Foreclosures.

The day concluded and the next day began with a quick recap of what was discussed on the day prior. As the issues were restated as to those we must help, Greendeer announced a slew of possible

solutions or recommendations given by peers, subordinates, tribal members, etc. A few of these proposed solutions were read aloud:

- President Greendeer should issue a Presidential Proclamation that would in essence force his executive departments to end homelessness in Ho-Chunk Country.
 - Acquire, purchase or build multifamily units.
 - Elder assisted living.
 - Rental assistance.
 - Supportive housing for homeless families.
 - Legislative Housing Subcommittee.
 - Emergency response personnel to assist tribal members.
- After he read these options provided prior to the meeting, he posed the question to the group and some of the offered solutions included:
- Universal system of data management.
 - One central housing intake form.
 - Contact list to reference who provides what services.
 - Identify what land the Nation has or can purchase for housing.
 - Temporary living in vacant homes – not a viable option due to codes.
 - Repair homes – get the homes repaired for others to move in.
 - Fix probate – this solution is related to tribal members that pass and the issue of who inherits the home.
 - SSI assistance.
 - Change HOP from a loan to \$20K down payment assistance, with the tribal member finding a financial institute to provide the lending.
 - Plans to build and purchase more units – most in need are BRF and Wisconsin Dells areas.
 - Why are we limiting ourselves just to trust lands?
- There is more work to be done. The executive staff agreed to meet and go through the programs they currently offer to consolidate programs so the Nation is not duplicating its services. There is going to be a contact sheet developed so we can provide information to tribal members on who they need to contact when they have a housing issue. Everyone agreed that the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch must share what is occurring in the communities so the people's needs are being met. Programs will need to be rewritten and laws amended to get these matters resolved for those who matter the most, our tribal members. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2013, in which Executive Departments will report their progress towards helping the Ho-Chunk People. A comprehensive plan was not developed, but I hope this will be presented, at least in draft form by the next meeting. I will report on the progress towards providing housing and services for the people.



VA and Indian Health Service Announce National Reimbursement Agreement

Native Veterans Able to Access Care Closer to Home

Submitted by Dept. of Veterans Affairs

American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans will soon have increased access to health care services closer to home following a recent Department of Veterans Affairs and Indian Health Service (IHS) joint national agreement.

"There is a long, distinguished tradition of military service among tribes," said Secretary of

Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "VA is committed to expanding access to native Veterans with the full range of VA programs, as earned by their service to our Nation."

"The President has called on all Cabinet Secretaries to find better ways to provide our military families with the support they deserve, and that is exactly what we are doing today," said Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services.

"American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans benefit from this agreement, which provides increased options for health care services."

As a result of the national agreement, VA is now able to reimburse the IHS for direct care services provided to eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans. While the national agreement applies only to VA and IHS,

it will inform agreements negotiated between the VA and tribal health programs. VA copayments do not apply to direct care services provided by IHS to eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans under this agreement.

"The VA and IHS, in consultation with the federally-recognized tribal governments, have worked long and hard to come to an equitable agreement

that would ensure access to quality health care would be made available to our Nation's heroes living in tribal communities," said Dr. Robert Petzel, undersecretary for health, Veterans Health Administration. "This agreement will also strengthen VA, IHS and tribal health programs by increasing access to high-quality care for Native Veterans, particularly those in highly rural areas."

Christmas Allocation 2012

The Legislature is authorized within the HCN Appropriations and Budget Process Act, Section 7a (3), to appropriate funds identified by the Treasurer as Unexpended Funds from the previous fiscal year budget of the Nation and the manner in which the Legislature appropriates such Unexpended Funds is discretionary and guided by the Legislature's general considerations of the needs and interests of the Nation under tribal law and the Constitution.

Tribal Members

On November 6, 2012 the Legislature, pursuant to its authority under the Constitution and laws of the Nation, authorized and appropriated \$1,000 to tribal elders and adult members (those who were age 18 as of October 22, 2012); \$200 to tribal member youth (those who were under age 18 as of October 22,

2012) from the previous Fiscal Year's Unexpended Funds as a discretionary gift.

Employees

In order to show the Nation's appreciation the Legislature found it proper to appropriate a bonus for employees based on consecutive years of service to the Nation as follows: Less than 5 years of service \$100, Five years, but less than 10 years of service \$200 and ten or more years of service \$300.

The checks are expected to be sent out November 19, 2012. Similar to the per capita distribution this amount is considered income the month it

is received. Tribal members receiving SSI and Medicaid benefits are responsible to spend down the Christmas allocation so they are not over their asset limits in December. The recommendation is to keep receipts to verify how the money was spent.

Keep in mind there are families where both members are receiving the Christmas allocation so they will need to remain below the stated couples asset limit for their particular program to maintain eligibility.

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year.

Legislative

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Member, so, and knowing this is an area meeting for the people. You know it is personal, put it that way. So, I can understand to a point ... (not audible here).

District 5:

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to refer to the Office of the President the District 5 Minneapolis/St. Paul Area Meeting motion to have the Finance Committee and Legislature to adequately fund the Care Givers Program to serve the back log of clients. Second by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit. **6-0-1 (Rep. Weber) Motion Carried.** **MOTION** by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit to refer to the Office of the President and Education Department the District 5 Chicago Area Meeting motion to make a second request to have the Ho-Chunk Nation fund the Positive Paths Program at the American Indian Center of Chicago, a program that provides after school educational aid and mentoring to the local children. This program was established in the past with the Ho-Chunk Nation providing two positions and a van that was greatly needed and utilized. This program initially replaced the education coordinator in Chicago and when the Ho-Chunk Nation ceased funding the Positive Paths Program the Ho-Chunk positions were lost and the Ho-Chunk people have gone without this type of aid. This motion will be kept on the radar for the next fiscal year budget, as the first request was made at the Chicago Area Meeting on July 9, 2012. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. **7-0-0 Motion Carried.** **READ FOR THE RECORD:** Rep. Forrest White Rabbit read the District 5 Chicago Area Meeting discussion that nominations have been opened for the vacant alternate position for the Enrollment Committee. No nominations were made at this time.

MOTION by Rep. Forrest White Rabbit to refer to the Land Development Team the District 5 Chicago Area Meeting motion to have the Ho-Chunk Nation to make a starting bid offer for purchase for the property at 4738 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL for the use of the Chicago

Branch Office. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. **6-1 (Rep. Weber)-0 Motion Carried.** **READ FOR THE RECORD:** Rep. Forrest White Rabbit read the District 5 Chicago Area Meeting motion to request the Ho-Chunk Nation to provide Holiday party fund for the 2012 Chicago Branch Children's Holiday Party in the amount of \$500.00.

AGENDA AMENDMENT: **MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to re-visit the District 4 Area Meeting. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **7-0-0 Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin for the President to enforce the Open Meeting Act with respect to the incident at the last Milwaukee Area Meeting (November 15, 2012). Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **6-0-1 (Rep. Estebo) Motion Carried.**

SPDI Resolution: **MOTION** by Rep. Robert Two Bears to table the SPDI Resolution until the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **7-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Ethics Review Board

Appointment: **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 11-27-12H Confirmation of Roberta Decorah as District 2 Ethics Review Board Member. Second by Rep. John Holst. **7-0-0 Motion Carried.** **Rescission of Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 09-25-120:** **MOTION** by Rep. Susan Weber to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation resolution 11-27-12I Rescission of Resolution 09-25-120 Rescinding Approval of Charter for Ho-Chunk Nation Section 17 Corporation. Second by Rep. John Holst. **7-0-0 Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adjourn the meeting with the next meeting to take place at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. John Holst. **7-0-0 Motion Carried.** *The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.* Respectfully submitted, Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary Vicki Shisler, Recording Secretary

Battle Grounds

1st Annual Indoor 1 on 1 Basketball Fundraiser/Tournament at the District 1 Community Center will be on **Saturday January 5th, 2013 at 1:00pm.** Men & Women Categories 18+. **Registration Begins at Noon**, \$20.00 per player. Double elimination style tournament. All proceeds will benefit D1CC monthly elder socials.

\$20.00 total, \$10.00 will go towards the fundraiser and the other \$10.00 will go towards a pot that the champion will receive (So the more players we get the higher the pot). 1 Time-out per game. Games are played up to 21 points or up 15 minute time limit by 1's and 2's. Seeds of players will be drawn at random during registration. Rules subject to change. No Drugs or Alcohol allowed. No Childcare provided.

For more information or to sign up please call Derris or Melissa at (715)284-0905



You're Invited!

Engaging and Sustaining Leadership in Marathon County Summit

Saturday • January 12, 2013

UW Center for Civic Engagement
625 Stewart Avenue, Wausau WI, 54401

Time: 8:15am-4pm

Registration and Continental Breakfast begins at 7:45am

Lunch will be provided.

The summit is free to attend.

Register Now

To register, go to conta.cc/Q0dElh



Keynote Speaker:
Congressman Sean Duffy, representing the 7th District of Wisconsin

The purpose of the summit is to bring together county residents and community leaders and officials to explore how we can increase community involvement and leadership among those between ages 16-39. All ages 16 years and older are welcome to attend.

We will seek to answer these questions:

- What issues are of importance to younger people in Marathon County?
- How can younger people become more engaged and feel more connected to their communities within the county?
- How can we accomplish the goals and interests of younger people in Marathon County?

Activities will include:

- Chance to learn about different community involvement opportunities
- A panel of community experts identifying important county issues
- Opportunity to have a conversation with community leaders and peers about the following subjects:
 - ▶ Non-profit leadership and involvement
 - ▶ Participation in government and creation of public policy
 - ▶ Business support of employee community leadership and involvement
- Networking opportunities for developing and current leaders

For more information, contact AmeriCorps*VISTA Deanna Meek at 715-261-6285 or deanna.meek@uwc.edu.



SATURDAY, JAN 12, 2013
SAVE THE DATE

PAUL KRAUSE—CHAIR
FORREST FUNMAKER—CO-CHAIR
VICKI BROWN EAGLE—SECRETARY

HO-CHUNK CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM TASK FORCE'S BLOCK PARTY

ALL HO-CHUNK TRIBAL MEMBERS INVITED!

"Learn about the constitution and have fun! Let your voice be heard in a good way."

Agenda

9 AM—Registration
No later than 10 am
To qualify for prizes

Presentations

- 1—Paul Krause
- 2—Gloria Visintin
- 3—Christine Jendrasik
- 4—Matt Mullin

Pendleton Drawing

Potch-Chee-Nunk Wittenberg
HAVE SOME FUN

9:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT OUR CONSTITUTION? DON'T WORRY NEITHER DO WE...JUST KIDDING. BRING YOUR QUESTIONS, CONCERNS AND COMMENTS. JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY OF LEARNING, FOOD AND PRIZES! Must be 18 and over to win.

Know Your HIV Status:

Get Tested

There are over **6,000** people in Wisconsin living with HIV or AIDs!

What: HIV Rapid Testing

Where: Tomah Health Office

27374 Hwy 21, Tomah

When: 12/21/12

12:30pm to 4:00pm

Testing also available in the privacy of

Your own home!

Questions or to arrange in home test:

Jessica, RN/CHN

608.343.0918

No Blood Needed for Testing!

Free and Anonymous

Jail/Corrections Officer Monroe County Sheriff's Office

Sparta, WI

Reason for Announcement: Fill Vacancy

Full-time

Responsibilities: Various duties associated with the processing, care, transportation and housing of jail inmates.

Salary: \$18.49 - \$19.96 per hour

Benefits: Wisconsin retirement fund; Health insurance; Life insurance; Sick leave; Dental; Paid holidays – 10; Clothing Allowance; Deferred compensation; Vacation

Qualifications: U.S. citizen; Driver license; Good driving record; Good physical condition; High school diploma; Associate degree – preferred; Bachelor degree – preferred; No felony convictions; No domestic abuse convictions; Vision correctable to 20/20; Good verbal and written communication skills; React quickly and effectively to stressful situations; Able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays; Knowledge and skills in operating computer Systems; Clear and concise speech; Ability to handle several tasks simultaneously; Ability to perform essential functions of this position

Apply By: 4:00 PM, 01/07/2013

Submit: DJ-LE-330

Contact: Ed Smudde
Monroe County Personnel Department
14345 Co. Hwy B, Rm. 3
Sparta, WI 54656-4509
Phone: (608) 269-8719
Fax: (608) 366-1809
Email: Ed.Smudde@co.monroe.wi.us

Notes: Written exam, Oral interviews, Psychological profile; Medical examination; Vision examination; Drug screening; Background investigation; Physical fitness/agility screening; Personnel Evaluation Profile. ON DJ-LE-330 COMPLETE THE 3 QUESTIONS IN SECTION 6. Be sure to indicate on the top of the application that the position applied for is "Jailer."

**Wisconsin Judicare, Easter Seals Wisconsin and the
University of Wisconsin Law School Present:**

**The 2013 Indian Wills
Winter Caravan**

Judicare staff and Students from the UW Law School will be at the following locations to assist **anyone** who wants to draft a will, powers of attorney, and other basic estate planning services for **free**.

**January 15th, Wisconsin Dells, House of Wellness
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**January 16th, Black River Falls, Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal
Office Building - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**January 17th, Nekoosa, Chahk-Ha-Chee Community
Building - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**January 18th, Madison, WI City-County Building, 3rd Floor
Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

For more information contact Wisconsin Judicare at 1-800-472-1638

**March dates for Bayfield, Odanah, Lac du Flambeau, Hayward, Crandon,
Keshena, Oneida, and Milwaukee to be announced soon.**



**HHCDA Next
Monthly Board Meeting
December 20, 2012
6:00 PM**

HHCDA Office, 1116 Monowau Street,
Tomah WI 54660

Board:

Lee Brown Jr. – Amos Kingsley
Colin Carrimon – Francis Decorah
Martin Littlewolf Jr. – John Dall
Leonard Walker – Cheri Byhre
Terrence Johnson – Gerald Cleveland
Lisa Stroessner

Agenda items due by Fri. Dec. 14 to
The Board Secretary at 1-800-236-2260

Notice of Public Hearing

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE CHILDCARE?

Please bring your questions to one of our upcoming Childcare Assistance Grant meetings for discussion on the following dates:

- In **Black River Falls**, WI on December 27th, 2012
Location: Tribal Office Building from 4:30 - 7:00 P.M.
- In **Wisconsin Dells**, WI on December 19, 2012 @ 4:30 - 7:00 P.M.
Location: House of Wellness from 4:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Refreshments will be provided



For additional information contact Gale White at the
HCN Department of Social Services (715) 284-2622

Emily Funmaker looks ahead to a career in sports

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

A star outside hitter volleyball player since her freshman year, and also a starting basketball player since then, Emily Funmaker, a junior today at Mancos Colorado High School, has



Emily Funmaker starting guard for Mancos High School.

worked hard and done her best to represent this small school located in the four corners area of Colorado.

She admits that this year was not there best but the Lady Blue Jays did end up with a winning record. They have just begun their basketball season now so it's a bit soon to see how they do, she said.

Mancos High School was built in 1909, and the entire community prides itself on having the longest continuously used high school in the State of Colorado.

And small isn't the word for this school district. Emily said that there are only about 400 students in her school. "You mean in high school?" I asked.

"No, in all the schools put together," she said.

It's easy to keep an eye on everyone, so she doesn't plan on cutting classes anytime soon.

She has been playing

volleyball since middle school after an older girl friend that played on the schools team showed her some moves and got her interested in the game.

"I'm not the tallest girl on the team but I see the court well and it was something that I really like doing," She said.

Emily only stands about 5 foot 7, but has pretty much led her team in every category.

She has lettered in several sports and this year has been named to the second team Colorado all-state volleyball team and SJBL all conference team 2012.

She also was named Most Valuable Player this year by her head coach. She is the only Mancos player this year to be named on these lists.

With her volleyball season over she is getting ready to take her position as guard on this year's varsity basketball team.

She said that she isn't as good a basketball player as she is a volleyball player but

her dad disagrees.

"It takes her a while to get back into basketball after her volleyball season is over but once she gets rolling she is into it and does real good," Her dad Nate said.

Emily gets good grades, an A student mostly...with an occasional B mixed in, she giggles.

Her plan is to try to go on and play sports in college, but her real goal is to pursue a career in sports medicine. She wants to stay in the sports field as either a trainer or a coach.

"I want to go to college and don't know where right now, but a coaching position may be in the future too, you never know," Emily said.

She has time to figure all of that out and if she stays healthy she will play both sports next year and think about what college she may attend.

Emily said that she comes from a long line of Ho-Chunk



Whitney Gustafson sets up her Mancos teammates Tuesday night, as Emily Funmaker keeps an eye on the ball at Dolores.

athletes and feels fortunate to have that in her favor.

Emily is the daughter of Nathaniel and Kerry Funmaker, and one of many granddaughters of Adam and Doris Funmaker. Both grandparents are deceased.

Miner named First Nations Composers Initiative executive director

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Kristopher "Kohl" Miner recently accepted the position of Interim Executive Director for the Minneapolis based non-profit organization First Nations Composers Initiative, based in Minneapolis.

Miner, who is Ho-Chunk, is a playwright, a performance artist, and a fund development specialist.

First Nations Composers Initiative is dedicated to the creation and promotion of American Indian music and musical traditions in all of its forms.

"We've been a program of the American Composers Forum for the past eight years. As of June, we branched out and left our parent organization," Miner said. "We have two programs. We have our Native Education Program, called CANOE, as a residency program. We had some wonderful successes. We facilitate the program in Los Angeles, Fond du Lac and in Minneapolis.

"The other program is called 'Common Ground,' which is a granting program," he said. "We give out small grants to individual artists, as long as it relates to music. To date, we have given out \$375,000. These are for projects that could be for recording or anything that has to do with music making projects."

The Initiative extends to anywhere in the United States and promotes all types of music - anything from traditional to hip-hop, from jazz to classical music.

"It's been exciting to watch

some of the fusions that have taken place," said Jewell Arcoren (Dakota/Lakota) program manager for First Nations Composers Initiative. "A lot of our music-makers are very grounded in their own tribal music and they expand that repertoire to include other forms of music - if it's classical fusion, or it's a jazz type of fusion. Hip-hop is really interesting to watch in young people. They take that genre and really infuse positive messages that reflect that community."

One of the projects the Initiative was able to help develop was to incorporate traditional Lakota music by combining the Porcupine Singers with the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra, named the Lakota Music Project, she said.

They've also funded the Grand Canyon Music Festival in Arizona. It incorporated music projects with kids from high school, she said.

"What it comes to is validating the work of our music makers," Miner said.

Besides funding, the Initiative has provided support and advocates for music makers through a variety of ways.

"We fund projects, we place artists in projects. We're a resource for the artists. And eventually we want to become a repository for music making articles, music itself, compositions, any scholarly work related to Native American music making," he said.

Miner has a background in music, so he is well qualified to help other musical artists.



Kristopher "Kohl" Miner, interim executive director, and Jewell Arcoren, program manager, share a laugh during one of their lighter moments while working at the First Nations Composers Initiative in Minneapolis.

"The last gig I had, as a singer, was at the Guthrie Theater (Minneapolis). I sang there a couple summers ago. I was in a production in an adaptation of one of Louise Erdrich's novels," Miner said.

"I'm a resource development specialist for the past 15 years, coaching organizations," he said. "I teach them how to fund-raise and I train boards and staff in board development."

He's also a published playwright.

"That is actually what I wanted to do is to be a writer," he said. "And so I'm able to do that and to fulfill these other dreams. But performing - that was all part of it. So I still get to perform. So, this is totally what I envisioned. I wanted to be a director, and I am a director."

"I'm very fortunate. I like what I do, I love what I do

and I'm very passionate about what I do. I think I'm too passionate," he said. "But I get to perform, I get to write and I get to work and give back to my community."

What he loves about his job is that the beliefs, the mission and the vision are parallel with his own personal beliefs.

As for future plans, they are looking at developing a non-profit record label, Miner said. He also would like to have mobile studios to go to various reservations around the country.

"Music makers there could use the studio to record their music or record lullabies, or record their language," he said. "We also would like to create a repository on the Initiative's Web site. One of potential partners is the Smithsonian Institute, so it is possible that cultural music could be store at the

Smithsonian Museum."

He would like to create an electronic application so users could access all their members' music. It would be another way to create an income-generating project for their music makers. Their efforts are far-reaching, with interest in Native American music popular across the ocean. People across the globe are very interested in Native American culture.

Miner said he's very interested in hearing from Native American musicians and he welcomes their contact. He can be reached at (612) 354-7708.

To find out more about First Nations Composers Initiative and their programs, visit their Web site at: <http://www.fnici.org>.